

Minutes of the Collegedale Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

7:00 p.m., West Room, City Hall

Members present: Greg Bohannen, Joyce Coltrin, Phil Garver, Larry Hanson, Rodney Keeton, Judy Sloan, Bill Wilson (Chair)

Guests: Owen Cook, Duane Dodd, Mike Newberry, Dean Roddy

Arts-in-the Park Festival and Soap Box Derby/Hobby Day Rally

Mike Newberry, chair of the Chamber of Commerce Arts-in-the-Park Festival Oversight Committee, reported the following:

- The Chamber of Commerce thinks it is a good idea for their Arts-in-the-Park Festival and our Soap Box Derby/Hobby Day Rally to be held on the same day. The date decided upon is Sunday, September 12 with a rain date of September 19. Their Festival setup will be on Saturday, September 11. Activities will begin on Sunday at 12:00 noon and end with a 7:00 p.m. concert by the East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra.
- Art festival activities will be held on the north side of Apison Pike in the fields adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park and derby/hobby activities on the south side along Swinyer Drive between City Hall and Greenbriar Cove. Arrangements are being made for parking in adjacent ball field parking lots with shuttle service provided.
- Area middle school, high school, and home-schooled students are being invited to submit art for judging in various categories.
- Many tent booths will be set up by regional artists and food vendors. In addition, several larger tents will be erected for art exhibits. The ETSO concert stage will also be available for art displays.
- A large number of sponsors are being solicited to fund the projected \$20,000 to \$25,000 cost of the festival. Those who commit to the \$2,500 range will be prominently featured in all art festival/hobby day publicity and promotions.
- The Oversight Committee is looking into providing hot air balloon rides.

In the discussion that followed Mike's report, it was decided to promote the art festival, hobby day, and orchestra as three parts of one large Collegedale event. Dean Roddy and Mike Newberry will join forces in soliciting funds for the event. Larry Hanson will join Scott Kornblum from the Chamber of Commerce as program coordinators.

Ron Barrow has agreed to serve as venue site manager and Sean Cannon as soap box derby coordinator in the hobby day organizational chart. This completes all leadership assignments in the chart.

Names and contact information of PARAB members, Mike Newberry and those involved in planning and implementing hobby day activities are given at the end of these minutes.

Dog Park

Tom Drake, a Collegedale resident, has inquired about space for a fenced-in dog park near the Imagination Station. All members present positively received the idea of such a park in which dogs could run free while their owners visited. Mr. Drake (not present) is asked to consult with other dog owners and bring a proposal for such (dog-owner interest, location, size, fencing costs, possible funding sources, etc.) to our next PARAB meeting on Tuesday, April 13.

Wolftever Greenway as a Bird Sanctuary

Mayor Turner sent the following email to Larry Hanson for consideration at our January meeting:

Larry, could PARAB consider as a project a way of enhancing our Greenway from the perspective of bird watching? I have enjoyed what public works employee Jim Villers has done with birdhouses. Although bird watching is not one of my high priority outdoor activities, I do enjoy birds. With the natural environment around the Greenway (water, trees, etc.) already attracting a number of birds, I was thinking of some kind of a plan or program we could implement to attract more species of birds we could all enjoy. Maybe the Greenway could become a place serious bird watchers would put on their map of good birding places. I think it would be a great addition to our city and the region. Let me know your thoughts.

A discussion of the Mayor's suggestion revealed a great deal of support for the idea. Member Joyce Coltrin volunteered to contact the Audubon Society and area bird watchers for ways of enhancing the Greenway for bird watching. Anyone with suggestions should direct them to Joyce.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Larry Hanson, secretary

Names and contact information of PARAB members and those involved in planning and implementing hobby day activities

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